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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mark A. Sanner, et al. :

Examiner: Anderson, Rebecca L.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/919,630 :

Group Art Unit: 1626

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TITLE: IMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES :

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 17, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the April 21, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 17, 2002 Office Action was indicated to be due one month from the issue date of the Office Action, i.e. by May 17, 2002. Applicant has filed on July 25, 2002 a Petition for a three month extension of time for responding to the April 17, 2002 Office Action. With a three month extension of time, a response to the April 17, 2002 Office Action was due August 17, 2002, which was last Saturday. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

In response to the April 17, 2002 Office Action, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 15 and 34-57 without prejudice to applicants' right to file one or more continuing applications directed to the subject matter claimed therein.

REMARKS

Applicants have herein requested cancellation of claims 15 and 34-57, without prejudice. Applicants are canceling claim 15 since it is not a complete sentence, and its inclusion was clearly an inadvertent error. Since applicants are only requesting cancellation of subject matter in this Amendment, the amendments herein do not raise an issue of new